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VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
[37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(c)] - Small Business Concern

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Address of organization 4000 Research Forest Drive

The Woodlands, Texas 77381

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the person employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

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- ☐ the specification filed herewith
- ☒ Application Serial No. 09/398,253 filed September 17, 1999
- ☐ patent no. issued

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(37 CFR 1.27)